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## **Allies Speed Up World-Wide Offensive**

### **Seizing Initiative On All Fighting Fronts**

#### **Darlan Assassinated**

**Special Bulletin—Algier—Dec. 26 (OWI)**—The assassin of Admiral Darlan was executed today, 36 hours after the killing of the French High Commissioner in Africa. Darlan has been succeeded by General Henri Honore Giraud, the veteran non-political army leader. General Giraud called upon all Frenchmen to unite to win freedom for France.

**Washington, Dec. 24—(OWI)**—On Christmas Eve President Roosevelt sent the following message of season's greetings to all the allied forces and to the American armed forces and merchant marine throughout the world: "This is a happier Christmas than was that of yesteryear in the sense that the forces of darkness stand against us with less confidence in the success of their evil ways." The president's words reflected the continuing initiative by the United Nations on all the war fronts of the world during the past week.

**In Tunisia** the steadily increasing United Nations aerial strength began to make itself felt. Allied bombers pounded Tunis and the dock areas at Lagoulette and Bizerte. Other planes working in conjunction with allied submarines sank or damaged two Axis warships and a substantial number of supply ships in the Mediterranean. Meanwhile under the cover of air power the Allies strengthened their advance air bases and moved ground reinforcements against Axis positions defending Tunis and Bizerte, with a steady increase of ground patrol activity. A French force under General Giraud repulsed an enemy attack in the Potdubahs area.

**In Tripolitania** a British column from General Montgomery's  
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#### **MAIL IT HOME**

**Send your Bush Weekly home as third class mail with two cents postage. Enclose it in an unsealed envelope. Newspapers may not be sent as free matter. You are helping the war effort by transmitting non urgent matter as third class or parcel post mails, which are dispatched to the United States, by surface vessel.**

#### **New P.X. Opens X'mas Eve**

Lt. Carr, Base Exchange Officer, and his entire personnel have been working long hours in order to open the Main Post Exchange located in the former Recreation Hall. The formal opening came at an opportune time, on Christmas Eve.

A shopping tour at the New East Exchange very quickly convinces a soldier that this particular Exchange is comparable to almost any of the Exchanges located in the States.

In addition to the Main Post Exchange, the bar has been renovated and a modern Snack Bar will very shortly be added. Arrangements are also being made to open a five chair barber shop a Tailor shop and a shoe repair shop.

Post Exchange is operated entirely for the benefit of the military Personnel to be served by the Exchange. Only a small margin of profit is added to cost price and any profit made by the Exchange reverts back to the various organizations served by the Exchange.

#### **STORY OF THE WEEK**

A battery commander received a telegram from a honeymooning lieutenant. It read: "It's wonderful here. May I have a 10 day extension of leave?" The B. C. wired back:

"It's wonderful anywhere. Come back as scheduled."

#### **GEORGE & STIMSON SEND GREETINGS**

*The following message was sent to Gen. FitzGerald and all members of his command, Christmas, 1942:*

This is a year which each one of us shall always remember. It has been a year of new comradeships, of great and inspiring deeds and of brilliant accomplishments by the men and women of the air Transport Command. You have made, and are making history that will forever shine in the annals of the air. All of us know the responsible part the command has taken and must continue to take in speeding machines, men and materials so vital the fighting forces on our world-wide battle fronts. Your efforts through this eventful year have been marked by an exceptional spirit of co operation, self-sacrifice and devotion to duty. I am confident it is a spirit that will endure as long as this nation must fight. It will give us the courage and strength to carry us on to still greater deeds and accomplishments, the stuff of which victory is made. It is in that same spirit that I extend to the members of the A.T.C. on every continent and in every clime my most sincere holiday greets and best wishes.

Maj. Gen. H. L. George  
Commanding Gen.  
A.T.C.

*The following message was sent by the Secretary of War:*

In the year now drawing to a close your efforts have brought new honor to American arms. You have met the enemy on various fronts. He has not only tested your courage but your military skill and your conduct in battle has been an inspiration to a grateful nation. Because of your example we may approach this Christmas Season with  
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## FACTS IN THE NEWS

Since Dec. 18 the sale of gasoline in seventeen east coast states and in Washington D.C. has been restricted to commercial vehicles only. Private motorists can get fuel only in emergencies. The needs of the North Africa campaign were given as the reason for this measure.

News which will cheer soldiers in malaria-ridden areas was the announcement by the Director of the U.S. Typhus Commission that atabrine, the synthetic substitute for quinine, is now being produced at the rate of 800,000,000 pills annually, or enough to treat 53,000,000 cases of malaria.

In accepting a plaque on behalf of the officers and crew of the cruiser Boise which put 6 Japanese warships out of action Guadalcanal in October, Damage Control Officer Lt. Commander Thomas Wolverton said at a New York luncheon, "It was a very easy kind of action...ended when there were no more ships left. When it was over we felt that we had avenged some comrades who lost their lives at Pearl Harbor and at other areas. Vengeance is not enough. It will not be enough to win the war unless we go beyond what we have done before and increase the powers of unity among the peoples of the world."

## BALLS OF FIRE PRODUCE LIVELY CHRISTMAS SHOW

The Balls of Fire certainly lived up to their names Christmas Night. Their show, "One Time," actually burnt up the stage, as well as a few officers and their handkerchiefs.

Their hilarious, roar provoking antics had the audience rolling in the aisles, until the M.P.'s came along and took the dice away. (With permission of the copyright owner.) The writer, producer, M.C., and leading light of the show Sgt. A. J. DeAngelus, will accept suits for slander during the hours of 0300 and 0400 yesterday morning.

### Show Starts with Jerk

Starting off with a jerk, Sgt. DeAngelus directed a few well received remarks at the Air Corps and various of our better known personages, followed by a melodious rendition of a few of the lighter classics by 5th Tcn. Shoemaker. Then another 5th, Maestro Radowski of the ditch diggers extracted music, sweet and hot, from mouth harp, a harmonica to you.

The ladies played a large part in the success of the show. The wacky "Waac" Fred Uzzio did a laugh provoking version of Bonnie Baker singing "Oh Johnny." What a figure! And at the conclusion of the show, a bit of Minsky's is the person of Miss Fifi la Collins, or rather Ben Cantor, had the audience in stitches as he slowly removed his stitches.

### Artists Appear

Two of the more artistic elements of the show were provided by PFC Valenti (of the South Brooklyn Valentis—sub!) and a whiskey bottle under the name of Andy Magin. The former eventually succeeded in building a Chic Sales special, while the latter wandered around vaguely from time to time, even serenading his favorite First Sgt. Tatum at one time.

Music in plenty was supplied by various of the entertainers,

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## CLAPPER SAYS.....

Washington, Dec. 23—(OWI) American military equipment is showing up very well on the whole—superbly in some instances. The war effort has brought out plenty of invention—new design, rapid improvement.

This doesn't take anything away from the Hurricanes and Spitfires or the heavy truck horse bombers which Britain has been making. Considering the industrial capacity with which Britain entered the war, what she's done has been to perform an industrial miracle.

So when we talk about our out-put it isn't to minimize what Britain and Russia have done industrially. It is rather to try to set straight our own achievement which is still much underated in the United States.

## U. S. Tank Tops

Our "General Sherman" tank, for example, has shown itself such a good mousetrap that Allied soldiers want nothing else. General Arnold says we're going to bring new weapons into the air. Our factories are now producing such new weapons, plus new models of tested weapons.

Our ingenuity with weapons now seems possibly even greater than our ingenuity with peacetime commercial products, for the brains of both industry and the armed services have gone heavily behind the theory that if our men are just as good as the Nazis, then the fighters with the best weapons will win.

U. S. Army Ordnance and other producing branches of the services are working very closely with industry. Ordnance goes out to get what the Armored Force, artillery and other branches want. General H. K. Campbell, Chief of Army Ordnance, says he will get anything the armored Force wants. "If the Armored Force asks for an 18-wheeled vehicle that will run sidewise, we'll try to get it for them."

## U. S. Sports Roundup

**December 12.**—The University of California in Los Angeles wins the Pacific Coast Conference Rose Bowl nomination to meet Georgia on New Year's Day, by beating Southern California 14 to 7. Whirlaway wins the Louisiana Handicap, beating Riverland-Whirlaway's previous conqueror.

**December 13.**—The Washington Redskins upset the Chicago Bears by 14 to 6, winning the National Professional Football Championship, and snapping the Bears' 24-game winning streak.

**December 14.**—Brooklyn College and St. Joins in Brooklyn are favored to lead the Metropolitan New York Basketball League in 1943. The heavyweight brothers, Buddy and Max Baer join the Army.

**December 15.**—Henry Armstrong, on the comeback trail, technically kayoes Saverio Turillo in the 4th round of their welterweight bout. An Associated Press poll of the nation's sportswriters names Georgia's All-American halfback, Frankie Sinkwich, as the "outstanding male athlete in 1942." Official statistics reveal that St. Louis' Mort Cooper was the outstanding pitcher in the National League, with an earned-run average of 1.7 per game. The AP poll shows that sportswriters consider Whirlaway as the "year's outstanding horse."

**December 16.**—Doug and Max Bentley, Chicago's brother wing-

men, hold the lead in hockey scores with 23 points apiece... rating based on 2 points for goal, 1 for an assist. Ernie Lombardi, the Braves' catcher, had a batting average of .330 and led the National League, according to official figures.

**December 17.**—AP polls select Gloria Callen as 1942's outstanding woman athlete and the St. Louis Cardinals as the year's outstanding team.

**December 18.**—Beau Jack kayoes Tippy Lark in the 3rd round, winning New York State Boxing Commission recognition as Lightweight Champ. The National Boxing Association, however, does not recognize Jack. The NBA is conducting its own tournament to determine a champion to succeed Sammy Angott, who recently retired.

**December 19.**—The National Hockey League standings, giving games won, lost and tied—under the new rule ties are not played off as had hitherto been the case—are as follows:

	Won	Lost	Tied
Boston	11	5	3
Toronto	10	7	2
Chicago	8	6	3
Detroit	7	5	5
Montreal	5	11	3
New York	4	11	2

The oft-beaten Southern California eleven defeats St. Mary's Naval Preflight footballers by 21 to 13.

### ODE TO PEANUT BUTTER

Anonymous

If I were to write fine a ode  
And still keep it out of the gutter.  
I would chose as a theme  
And cover a ream  
On "the virtues of Peanut Butter"  
Last time it was beef that was  
"bully"  
Or "slum" that stuck to your  
sides  
But this time it's paste  
Mixed up in such haste  
More properly meant to oil hides.

Much cabbage is eaten for roughage

And prunes are fine for what ails  
But for a combiner  
And scientific binder  
Is the stuff often done up in pails

Though smooth it won't quite do  
for smoothage

Or yet take the place of brick  
cheese

But to double for meat  
Or some terrible sweet

"Pass the butter—the peanut  
stuff—please"

## The Sphinx Talks

To J. C.

Who is the Sgt of the White Master Brigade, that calls himself lucky to be leaving here to attend O.C.S...if he only knew how happy his personnel are. We understand that prices have really gone up with the advent of Army personnel here. Is that true, fellows?

Sgt. Griffiths of the White Masters is in a state of apprehension. He being a newly married man, left the States with one thought. Is she or isn't she, Kenney?—'Sfunny how much paler some of the population becomes with the passing months.

Bouquets to Major Holliday and Lt. Whiteman for the swell and most needed co-operation in turning out the first issue of the BUSH WEEKLY.

Pvt. Dean (excuse please, I mean Sgt) literally fainted when he learned of his promotion. We hope nothing really serious ever happens to the boy.

We dread the consequences of that.

One of the most popular men on the base is Mr. Lincoln of the Red Cross. You can go to him for most anything...you can hear a lot of the familiar Enlisted Men's Lament: Why, Oh, Why, Can't the Nurses be more friendly...what has the captain got that I haven't? (Ed. Note. A big pay check)

It is noted that E Mess has more Chop Hounds than any other Mess on the Base. (I know I'm one of them.)...Sgt. Bittner of the White Masters isn't saying much these days about his swimming exploits. But we understand he is offering a reward for his plastic molars that he coughed out recently.

Boys in the Camp slated to give out cigars when expected arrivals make them proud papas, are Sgt. Gregory, Pvt. Johnny Kovar, and Sgt. Harry Hughes, Pvt. Wyndham R. Redford has already celebrated. It was a girl, Nov. 28.



## BENDER'S BAT BOYS MOVE INTO 1st PLACE

Last week's baseball schedule was highlighted by the rise of Bender's Bat Boys to the top of the scramble, while the Zero Squadron fell to third place by virtue of a 3-4 loss to the Bat Boys in the week's best game, played on Christmas Day.

Zavarda, who hurled for the losers in this game, deserved a better break. He allowed but three hits and whiffed 13. All the scoring in this game was done in one frame.

Wilson's Wolves climbed up to second place, registering two victories for the week. They crushed Pilchar's Flying Typewriters, 7 to 1, behind four hit pitching by Pratt, and took the Trail Blazers into camp in a slugfest by 18 to 9.

Last Sunday the Eighth Rocks dropped a hard fought game to the One Time combine by 6 to 3. Bludeau, who relieved Johnson in the second, fanned 10 batters in six innings. Fortini and Baxley were the Rocks' defensive gems.

On Wednesday the Flying Typewriters won a hard fought contest from the X Two I team, 6-5, in a game marked by

second baseman Pilchar's unique method of handling ground balls. We hope his chest is better now. And on the following day Capt. Carville's Balls of Fire bested the Eighth Rocks by 4-1 tally. Derenzo, catcher and spark plug for the Balls, turned in his usual fine performance as did Kwitkowski on first. This outfit promises to furnish plenty of competition before the final game of the season is played.

### JERKS.....

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including Red Morris who came direct from the Emerald Isle by way of Sandy Hook, to give out with a bit of the blarney, with or without accompaniment; Harry Wright, who drew loud roars of approval for his guitar strumming, yodling, and vocalizing of some of the favorite cowboy songs; the barbershop quartet of Cpls. Donovan, Ebert, Leary, and Volk who included some original works in their renditions; and Wilson Black who did a really fine job of accompaniment on the piano.

### GEORGE AND STIMSON.....

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a firm conviction of final victory. Through your fortitude we may believe that the Star of Christmas will again shine hopefully over a peaceful world. All this I have in mind as I send you my Christmas greetings.

Henry L. Stimson

Secretary of War

### NEWS.....

Korps at Wadi Matratin, 65 miles west of El Agheila, inflicting heavy losses.

In Russia the Soviet Army continued to hold the initiative in the big winter offensive on the northern, central and southern fronts. In a powerful drive across the middle Don plains the Russians have gained from 72 to 103 miles during the last eight days, flanking and threaten-

## MOVIE PROGRAM FOR NEXT WEEK

### OPEN AIR THEATRE

Thurs. "Argentine Nights"  
Sat. "All Through the Night"  
Sun. "Lucky Partners"

### THEATRE

Wed. "All Through the Night"  
Fri. "Argentine Nights"  
Sta. "Lucky Partner"

ing the important rail junction of Millerovo in their drive towards Kamensk. In the Stalingrad area the German army is still threatened by the Soviet encircling movement.

In Europe British bombers and fighters carried out heavy raids over Germany, France, Belgium, and Holland, blasting a Nazi airport at Romilly. 44 enemy planes were shot down. Meanwhile heavy bombers pounded Munich with two-ton blockbusters.

In New Guinea American troops in dogged jungle fighting were gradually reducing the remaining Jap beachheads in the Buna and Cape Endaiadere areas, where Japanese Lt. General Tomatore Horii was killed in action. The U.S. Navy announced the sinking of seven more Jap ships by submarine action.

In Burma a British column commanded by Sir Archibald Wavell met no resistance as it crossed the Burmese border and penetrated over 40 miles towards the port of Akyab.

In North Africa the following communique was issued Dec. 24 by the French North African Headquarters: "Admiral Darlan, High Commissioner for French Africa, was assassinated this afternoon shortly after three o'clock upon arriving at the offices of the High Commissariat at Algiers. The Assassin was standing in the waiting room of Admiral Darlan's study and fired several revolver shots of which two took effect on Admiral Darlan who died shortly afterwards while being transported to the hospital. The assassin was arrested on the spot. Complete order reigns in Algiers."

### BASEBALL STANDING

December 25, 1942

	Won	Lost	Pct
Benders Batboys	5	1	.833
Wolves	4	2	.666
Zero Squadron	2	1	.666
White Masters	3	2	.600
Ball of Fire	3	2	.600
One Time	3	2	.600
Flying Typewriters	3	3	.500
X Two I	1	2	.166
Eighth Rocks	4	2	.333
Trail Blazers	0	4	.000

### BASEBALL SCHEDULE

For Coming Week

Mon. Ball of Fire v Bat Boys  
Tues. Flying T's v 8th Rocks  
Wed. Zero Squad v W. Masters  
Thurs. One Time v Trail Blazers  
Fri. X Two I v Bat Boys  
Sat. Ball of Fire v Wolves  
Sun. Flying T's v W. Masters